

Department requests slashed from budget

By Dave Gosnell
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — The city's new budget will be in the black, the City Council accepts proposed cuts in departmental requests.

In May, a tentative budget was presented that would have put the city in the red by about \$1 million. Though the council's Finance Committee slashed the requests considerably, the revised budget does not include any layoffs of city workers, said the committee chairman, 5th Ward Alderman Jake Varadian.

Most of the cuts were in the areas of major purchases, department contingency funds and proposed overtime expenditures. A \$500,000 decrease was made in the tax levy earmarked for pension funds.

Varadian said the city is expected to take in \$11,057,000 in revenue and will spend \$11,040,000, leaving a \$17,000 surplus under the revised budget. The city also has \$1.5 million left from last year, Varadian said.

Original budget projections totaled \$13,313,000. Varadian asked that all committee chairmen revise departmental requests. He said only the fire and engineering departments brought in revised figures.

All other requests were pared by the Finance Committee.

Mayor Von Dee Cruse and City Comptroller Joe Mikovic did not present budgets for their departments. The Finance Committee gave the mayor's office a \$15,000 increase, a \$330,000, over what was spent last year. The budget comparison excludes \$41,000 allocated to the mayor's office last year to appraise Granite City Steel property.

Varadian said the comptroller's budget will be less than what was spent last year.

"I told the department heads the criteria we were going to use was to go with what you spent last year," Varadian said.

Most proposed high-cost purchases, such as a street sweeper for the Street Department, three new police cars and a pumper for the fire department, were eliminated. Other departments were not given proposed staff and operation increases.

Two proposed, full-time draftsman positions for the engineering department were stricken from the budget, though \$40,000 was set aside for a new city engineer. The new engineer's salary is higher than the \$35,000 originally accepted by the council.

The draftsman could still be hired, Varadian said. "We decided that when we get the engineer, let him make the decisions on what we need," he said.

Though all department requests were lowered, most major city departments' budget will be higher than last year.

The police department, the city's largest department, will get about \$250,000 more than last year. Capital expenditures account for most of the department's increase, Varadian said.

The fire department's budget will be about \$650,000 more than last year. The increase includes a merger with the city's emergency services department.

The biggest percentage budget increase is at the Granite City lift station, whose budget now includes all sewer break repairs. Many long-term sewer breaks in

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Budget comparisons

Department	Requested	Revised	FY87
Police	\$2,759,000	\$2,673,000	\$2,317,000
Fire	2,568,000	2,333,000	1,719,000
Street	1,673,000	1,325,000	1,393,000
Sanitation	820,000	846,000	652,000
Engineering	313,000	232,000	154,000
Treasurer	1,792,000	1,275,000	1,237,000
Lift station	965,000	887,000	91,000
Council	68,000	63,000	68,000
Mayor	N/A	330,000	356,000
Comptroller	N/A	611,000	661,000

Wilson re-assigned, 3 custodians hired

By Bill Bagby
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — A principal was re-assigned and three custodians were hired Wednesday by the District 9 Board of Education.

Alfred Wilson, assistant principal of Coolidge Junior High School, was re-assigned as an elementary principal. Superintendent G.W. Walsley said, "It is undetermined what school Wilson will serve at, Walsley said."

An elementary principalship opened when Harry Briggs Jr. resigned as principal of Niedringhaus Elementary School. Briggs was elected in November 1986 as regional superintendent of schools, succeeding his uncle, Gene Briggs. He starts in August.

Wilson has been with the district for 29 years, 19 of those as an administrator. He formerly served as principal of Niedringhaus Elementary School and the old Emerson Elementary School. He has been assistant principal at Coolidge for the past two years. He holds a master's degree in school administration from the University of Illinois.

Walsley said he recommended Wilson because of his 19 years of successful administrative experience.

Six people, including Wilson, were candidates for the job. Walsley said they were: Pat

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Solomon worries about steel outlook

By Bill Bagby
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Russell Solomon Jr. knows a lot about the domestic steel industry and what's happened to it over the years.

"What has happened to the domestic steel industry hurts me badly, to say the least," Solomon said. He was speaking at a meeting of the Granite City Optimist Club, where he was the guest speaker.

Solomon, of Edwardsville, retired from Granite City Steel as an executive in 1978 following a 43-year career. He started in 1935 as a metallurgist and spent most of his career with the company, except for two years with United States Steel in Birmingham, Ala. in the late 1930s.

Solomon serves as adjunct professor of engineering in the department of engineering and technology at SIUE.

Though there have been some layoffs at Granite City Steel in past years, Solomon said, they don't compare to the 65,500 jobs lost at plants that have been shut down near Chicago. The present contract at Granite City Steel guarantees work for the entire staff.

One Chicago plant that once employed 6,000 people now employs 250, he said. The Gary, Ind., plant of U.S. Steel once employed 25,000 men and women, Solomon said, it now has a staff of 5,500.

"Nobody in Granite City can

really appreciate what's happened to the domestic steel industry," he said.

Such layoffs affect more than just the employees, Solomon said. The crime rate in Gary has increased and the school district is having problems getting enough money, he said.

"Now that's not a very good picture," he added.

Sunday focus

When Solomon retired, there were 450,000 in the nation's steel industry. That figure has dropped to 156,000, a 65 percent reduction, he said. Solomon projects domestic steel employment will decline to 125,000.

Another problem affecting the steel industry, Solomon said, is supply and demand. There are 900 million tons of production capacity, he said, but 600 million tons of orders. He sees capacity declining another 15 million to 20 million tons because there aren't enough orders.

Integrated steel mills like Granite City Steel, handling all production phases, are being challenged by mini-mills and reconstructed mills, Solomon said.

Mini-mills are small steel plants that employ non-union labor and are located close to their customers, he said. Reconstructed mills are mills that have filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy but continue operating, he said.

These mills can decrease their

costs and become more competitive, gaining an unfair advantage, Solomon said.

Another challenge is that big companies, including Granite City Steel's owner, are having a difficult time because few people want to invest money into the unprofitable steel industry, he said.

Granite City Steel has fairly modern equipment, good primary facilities, excellent supervision and hourly employees; however, Solomon said, some of the work rules are outdated and the firm is hampered by having part of its management personnel in Pittsburgh, where there are no National Steel plants. Its plants are near Detroit, Chicago, and in Granite City.

The short-range prospects for Granite City Steel are good, until there is a major recession, Solomon said. If National Steel would decide to "downsize" a mill due to lack of orders, the Granite City plant could suffer, he predicted.

Solomon told the club he had talked to Granite City Steel employees who told him they are working a lot of overtime and that conditions seem good. But they did not mention the company's financial losses, which are related to a worldwide price squeeze.

Solomon warned that people sitting on lounge chairs, downing mint juleps on the promenade deck of the ocean liner *Titanic*, also felt comfortable and contented.



SIUE Cougar Guard member Audra Wilson sits with SIUE's mascot, Kyna, before the animal was permanently removed from the university June 26.

Guard says dean acted deceptively

By Dave Gosnell
Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — A Cougar Guard member charged that SIUE's dean of students, Constance Rockingham, may have concealed information about the decision to remove the university's cougar mascot, Kyna.

Guard member Audra Wilson said Rockingham may have decided at least two months ago that SIUE was going give away the cougar.

A pre-veterinary student who worked with Kyna for three years, Wilson and other Cougar Guard members and students visited Kyna last weekend at an animal park near Metropolis Ill.

Wilson said the new owners, Lou and Lillian Mayhall, told her that university representatives contacted the Mayhalls two months ago about placing Kyna.

She said that, in recent discussions with Rockingham, the Cougar Guard and other students were told no decision had been made on Kyna's future.

"That really burned me, but that's our administration for you," Wilson said. "They did it behind our backs. The press knew about it before we did."

Wilson said Rockingham told the Mayhalls that a student assembly would be held before Kyna was removed. The assembly was to be used to tell students about the animal's removal. There was no assembly, Wilson said.

"I was told previously that there would be a student assembly — I believe it was Dr. Rockingham who told me that," Lou Mayhall said Thursday.

Repeated attempts to reach Rockingham were unsuccessful. Lou Mayhall said he was contacted by university representatives about two months ago.

"They said they would consider me in donating the cat," Mayhall said. He said it was his understanding that student groups were aware the cougar was going to leave the university before Rockingham's Friday

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While students are away, SIUE dean drops mascot

By Dave Gosnell
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GRANITE CITY — A tradition at SIUE is gone.

SIUE's dean of students, Constance Rockingham, transferred ownership of the university's cougar mascot, Kyna, to a couple living near Metropolis, Ill.

Kyna was loaded into a truck June 26, the day the move was announced, and taken to land owned by Lou and Lillian Mayhall. The cougar will remain there for the rest of its life.

Kyna will be replaced at sports events by a costumed student, who will be called Cory. Rockingham cited rising insurance costs and costs of upkeep as reasons for Kyna's removal.

Rockingham was not available for comment, but university spokesman Sam Smith said the only alternative was to remove Kyna, who has lived at the university since 1983.

Kyna's predecessor, a 17-year-old cougar named Chimega, died in 1983. Cougars normally live to be 10 to 15 years old.

Smith said Kyna became an insurance liability and the university faced repair or rebuilding costs for the cougar's campus living quarters, a geodesic dome.

"The insurance companies said Kyna was a great liability. They've warned us there was tremendous risk involved," Smith said.

Neither Kyna nor Chimega caused any injuries. Kyna is declawed and her fangs are filed, but in a press release Rockingham cites the possibility that the cougar could cause injuries "when excited or cornered."

Smith said state regulations on keeping exotic animals had become stricter in recent years and animal groups are concerned with Kyna's welfare.

The cougar's upkeep was paid for with \$1,300 in student fees allocated by SIUE's Student Senate.

Student Body President Terri Abernathy said Student Government could not keep up with Kyna's increasing costs and that she and the Cougar Guard, a student organization that cares

for Kyna, had been involved in discussions with Rockingham about the cougar's future. But Abernathy said Rockingham apparently decided not to accept alternatives to removing Kyna.

Among alternatives: Ask students for a voluntary fee increase, ask the SIUE Foundation to help defray costs, start a private fundraising effort, use discretionary funds from the president's office.

From my position ... there were other solutions. They didn't buy it," Abernathy said.

The announcement of Kyna's departure came a few weeks after students left on summer break. Suggestions to remove Kyna had been a university issue in the past.

"It could definitely be questioned," said Abernathy, of Rockingham's timing.

"People might wonder about that," Smith said. "But I think with the end of the spring quarter ... the dean had time to consider it."

Abernathy said Kyna will be missed.

"It's sad because it's a tradi-

tion. This university has few traditions," she said.

The Mayhalls operate a 52-acre, licensed, exotic animal facility, where Kyna will be caged.

"They've collected animals through the years. It's not like a zoo or a commercial enterprise. It's a hobby," Smith said.

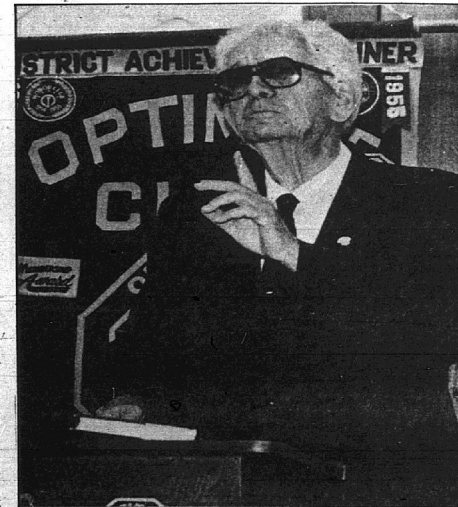
Though university representatives inspected the Mayhalls' facility before making a decision, Abernathy said nobody from Student Government or the Cougar Guard was invited to the inspections.

Kyna was a familiar sight on the campus. Members of the Cougar Guard would often take Kyna for a walk, sometimes letting the leashed animal rest in the University Center.

Several years ago, Kyna underwent a successful operation after eating a soccer ball.

In 1983, the cougar was inadvertently let out of its dome and remained loose until it was captured without incident.

"It's had an interesting life here," Smith said.



RUSSELL Solomon Jr. speaks about the future of the domestic steel industry.

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Grace Alexander

THE ANNUAL July 4th celebration in Wilson Park concludes today with a craft show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Wilson Park Ice Rink. For more details, see Entertainment Page 7A of today's issue.

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Comment

So, what's in a name?

Our friends who influence the people who influence our lives were at it again in 1986.

Those wacky lobbyists — the ones who advise senators and representatives on how to vote in Congress — spent more than \$60 million last year.

Foremost among them were the Citizens for the Sensible Control of Acid Rain, who spent better than \$3 million convincing legislators that less control of acid rain is sensible control.

These citizens aren't citizens as we usually think of them. They really represent the chemical companies, who like to burn coal to produce energy.

They raised big bucks, sure, but they didn't get them from the little guy. The little people are unrepresented among these Washington big shots. If only the lobbying groups would call themselves something remotely resembling what they do, they could raise funds from us simple folks in the hinterlands.

Some of them try to fool us by giving out what appears to be a straightforward name until it is examined closely. Association for a Better New York is an example. Think about that. Does it make any sense, unless maybe it is a pro-nuclear testing group? Sure these groups are big and powerful, but are they doing us any good, except maybe to keep our congressmen's expense

Martin on the Metro

By Pat Martin



account down?

I'd feel more comfortable about what these people are up to if I understood exactly who they were. I might even send in 50 cents.

"Citizens to Simplify the W-4 Form" is a group I could get behind, for example. If such a group existed, it would have no problem getting contributions because everyone would know what it did, and everyone would agree it has a worthy goal.

We would know right off that "W-4" is not code for a secret gun, or acid rain.

How about the "Coalition to Keep Harriett Woods from Ever Running for Anything Again?"

Whether Woods ought to run again is a matter of personal choice. But a group by that name would have to represent a sizable number of folks who are sick of seeing her pop up every two years. If they sent in dues, they would know exactly what they were getting.

"St. Louisans For Honest Cable Television Service" is self-explanatory. In return for dues, members could get kickbacks or free service under the table.

Some groups already wear their names proudly and, more important, accurately. There can be no doubt about what the Citizens Committee for the Right to Bear Arms is up to, and why it spent \$417,000 last year.

They must take care their literature doesn't come out "Citizens Committee for the Right to Bear Arms." Just one letter different and you'd end up with a group representing undershirt makers.

"Gun Owners of America" spent almost \$1 million last year. It is not "Gun Owners of America." It is "Guns Owners of America." Think about it. Change one simple letter and you could be thrust into a group of juicy Fruit fanatics instead of other admirers of the fine products of Colt and Remington.

The point is, if a lobbying group states simply what it is doing, it might wind up as successful as the Fiber, Fabric and Apparel Coalition for Trade (\$1.4 million last year).

Still, I can't help but wonder: If they made the deal, what did they get in return for their coalition?



Letters

Learn more about the Constitution

To the editor:

As America prepares for the Constitution bicentennial, plans and programs are being developed across the country. Seminars, lectures, speeches, debates and essay contests are being planned.

Television shows this summer will dramatize historical events which preceded the Philadelphia convention and the ratification of the Constitution.

Hundreds of thousands of words will be written and spoken during this great American birthday party, which will continue throughout 1987.

They all concern four pages of yellowing parchment, housed in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. That remarkable instrument, along with its amendments, provides the organic law of our national government.

In July 1965, President Reagan formally appointed 23 members to the Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.

The commission, authorized by Act of Congress, is chaired by former Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, who has declared that the principal objective of the commission is education.

The bicentennial celebration will continue throughout the year, and schools are challenged to play a leading role in preserving its legacy, not only for students but for all American citizens.

Americans of all ages should want to learn more about this unique document that has survived for 200 years with only a few revisions.

Last year, millions of Americans contributed to a fund for restoring a world-famous symbol of freedom — the Statue of Liberty. We will probably long remember the joyous celebration which took place in New York Harbor — the millions of people and the thousands of ships.

Moving though it was, it is this year which Americans

should be prepared to celebrate and to remember, because it is the 200th anniversary of a unique idea of government, contained in the world's oldest written document of national government.

Too many of us take our Constitution and its assurances of freedom for granted.

A decade ago, when we celebrated the bicentennial of the American Revolution, surveys showed that not many Americans could name more than a few signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Only a few knew what took place at Lexington, at Concord, at Bunker Hill (really Breed's Hill), at Valley Forge, or at Cowpens, or that the Treaty of Paris ended the war formally and recognized the independence of a new country.

In 1979 a Gallup poll indicated 76 percent of adult Americans did not know what the First Amendment is about.

In 1983 a U.S. News and World Report survey reported that almost 25 percent of 17-year-olds thought it was illegal to start a new political party.

Forty percent thought the President could declare an act of Congress unconstitutional.

During the past four decades, events have taught us rather forcefully that the freedoms we enjoy are fragile, particularly in an open society like ours, where we permit the principles and applications of our system of government to be challenged.

But we cannot defend what we do not understand. The best way for us to honor the Constitution is to learn about its beginnings and its meaning.

With a better understanding, we can enjoy a meaningful celebration. Clearly, we need to do more educating.

Recently, several national competitions designed to help students learn more about the Constitution were announced. Among them is an essay contest, co-sponsored by the Bicentennial Commission, USA Today/Gan-

nett Inc., and the American Bar Association. The top winner will receive \$10,000.

A \$16,000 college scholarship awaits the winner of the annual American Legion Youth Oratorical Contest. West Publishing Co. and the Bicentennial Commission are co-sponsoring a law school essay contest.

In addition, the commission is encouraging elementary and secondary schools to develop new initiatives in teaching students about the Constitution.

The commission has recognized a new Constitution curriculum developed by the Center for Civic Education in Calabasas, Calif.; a teaching kit sponsored by the National Archives, entitled "The Constitution: Evolution of a Government"; and a traveling exhibit of the Magna Carta of 1215, jointly sponsored by Magna Carta in America, the U.S. Constitution Council of the Thirteen Original States, and the Bicentennial Commission.

Ultimately, the task of educating Americans about the Constitution falls to the framers of the public and private schools.

The founding fathers themselves emphasized the role of teachers in providing such education. James Madison, regarded by some as the "father of the Constitution," once wrote:

"Learned institutions ought to be favorite objects with every free people. They throw that light on the public mind which is the best security against crafty and dangerous encroachments on the public liberty."

While teaching our youth well will help preserve the legacy, all Americans can benefit from the great story of the framers of the Constitution, the drafting and ratification of the Constitution, and the deep meaning which the document holds for our way of life.

OWEN E. HUMPHREY, Administrative assistant to the Madison County regional superintendent of schools

Me and little green people

I've had my phone lines open to anybody on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects for several reasons.

One reason is that I have long dropped from my vocabulary the word "impossible." So I don't get into any arguments.

You and I must ask ourselves — if we were approached by little green men in some secluded place, and they allowed us to examine their spaceship — would we tell? Many tabloid newspapers over the years have published eyewitness accounts of spaceships and space people and the best of us have dismissed such stories as incredible and labeled such witnesses irresponsible.

Now — if I should be approached by a little green man who would be willing to

Paul Harvey News

By Paul Harvey



accompany me to a facility where I could be examined and "certified" — then I'd have something.

I have never been sure how Paul Harvey would have reacted had he been in Galileo's shoes.

In his day the church view was the prevailing view and disbelievers were beheaded. And the church view was that the earth was the center of the universe.

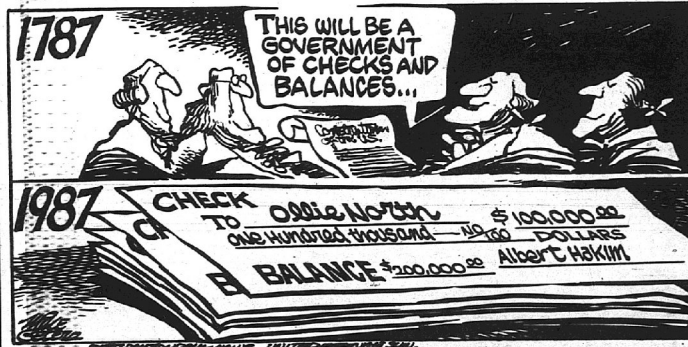
While Galileo knew otherwise, he kept his mouth shut and kept his chin up.

So what is the bottom line? After looking at reams of documents and listening to taped interviews and consulting with amateurs and professionals in the UFO business — I remain a skeptic.

I suspect that some of the flood tide of information I have received recently could have to do with the syndication on the subject in Washington.

Maybe somebody hoped that I would say something to lend credibility to that event. I cannot.

I cannot and will not encourage your belief in something which has not first demonstrated its validity to me. And the UFO has not.



Newspapers have matured in recent years

The editorial content of the *Journal* has matured in the past three years.

In this area, the *Journals* in Granite City, Cahokia/Dupo and East St. Louis were once short on news and remiss in performing a newspaper's duty to comment on significant community activities.

A comparison of the June 29, 1977, *Granite City Journal* to our newspapers today shows marked differences. Ten years ago, the *Journal* was a tabloid relying mainly on soft news and features set into narrow columns of small, hard-to-read type under headlines that were sometimes centered, sometimes not. The reporting appeared sound, but the style of writing was unclear.

The *Journals* in this area are now full-sized and the larger type is easier to read. The papers follow one writing style — Associated Press. Headlines are flushed left. The news stories show the kind of depth several interviews as opposed to one or two, provide, with two persons on the copy desk, types have dramatically decreased but even more important is the chance to make factual errors has declined.

Having copyeditors is vital to

Media Mandarin

By Jack C. Ventimiglia, Executive Editor



a newspaper. When I joined the *Journal* group in July 1982, the newspaper with which I worked allowed the reporters to edit their own copy. I remember sitting at the Collinsville Hilton one afternoon and picking up a copy of a *Journal*. The paper was a mess. The reporters' nighmares. When I received my first promotion, in November 1982, I decided my responsibilities should include reading reporters' copy and I've done so since.

Another difference, and one I consider the most important between *Journals* then and now, is editorial. When I worked with the *Journals* in Clinton County, Belleville and O'Fallon, there were several community issues about which I desired to editorialize. As a reporter, I had to be as fair as possible to both sides even when it was clear one side was deeply wronging the public.

I desired to express outrage, to praise, to comment in general about those things affecting readers, but commentary wasn't allowed.

Without editorials, a newspaper is like a Cadillac without an engine — pretty to look at, but going nowhere. Editorials build community spirit, point out faults to be corrected and give readers a sense of the newspaper's commitment to the community. Having been taught the value of editorials while earning my bachelor's and master's degrees in mass communication, being deprived the chance to write editorials left an ache in my spirit that wasn't addressed until recently, when a more news side of the *Journal* organization was taken.

After management decided to allow editorials, the East St. Louis, Cahokia and Granite City *Journals* went to work. Our philosophy was to write an editorial if it needs to be written, never just to write for the sake of writing, and to remember editorials can praise as well as flay.

We've done well with our editorials and news coverage. In 1986, for editorial writing we received recognition from the

International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors, the Southern Illinois Editorial Association and the Suburban Newspapers of America.

For news, this year we've been recognized by SIEA and received first-place honors from the Press Association of Greater St. Louis for news writing and, of course, in 1986 and 1987 we've been recognized for other accomplishments, such as in photography and layout.

In an age when publishers in other states and cities still wonder if their free papers should have any news and would cringe at the idea of editorials, the *Press-Record/Journal* is recognized as a community news and opinion leader, and the *Journals* in East St. Louis and Cahokia/Dupo have become strong powers in their areas. We are dedicated to being journalists rather than publicists. Indeed, these newspapers have matured in the past few years and with a spirit of professionalism and community pride to guide us, we expect greater progress in the years to come.

Letters policy

The *Press-Record/Journal* welcomes letters to the editor. Names, addresses and telephone numbers must accompany all letters.

Letters which are libelous or not in good taste will be rejected. Shorter letters will be given preferences as will typed letters.

Names will be withheld from publication only if there are compelling reasons. We reserve the right to edit or reject any letter.



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Areas can annex into county transit district

SPRINGFIELD — Legislation to allow the Madison County Transit District to expand was approved by the Illinois Senate June 22.

The legislation, sent back to the House for agreement with a Senate amendment, also would permit Transit District Chairman William Haine of Alton to hold the same \$50 per meeting fee the other board members receive. It would make rural parts of Madison County eligible for federal grants for equipment.

It was amended in the Senate to specify that petitions must be signed by 10 percent of the residents of a township seeking to be annexed to the district, or by vote of a majority of the town board.

The county board and transit district board must also vote to annex a township and impose the one-fourth percent transit district sales tax, in order for the expansion to occur.

The bill was introduced at the transit district's request by Reps. Sam Wolf, D-Granite City, and Jim McPike, D-Alton,

and was sponsored in the Senate by Sen. Sam Vadalabene, D-Edwardsville.

Vadalabene sponsored the state law which permitted creating of the district in 1980, but it did not provide a means for the district to take in additional townships.

The district now provides local bus service to nine townships in the western half of the county.

District managing director Jerry Kane testified before legislative committees that several residents of Fort Russell Township (Bethalto area) and Jarvis Township (Troy area) had expressed interest in joining the district.

Another provision in the bill would remove the ban in the 1980 law against the county board member on the transit district from getting the same \$50 fee the others receive.

Although Haine said he didn't personally care whether he received the stipend, he favored the principle of all being treated the same.

Cutting state payments may hurt patient care in nursing homes

SPRINGFIELD — Proposed cuts in state payments to nursing homes are likely to have a "devastating" effect on the quality of patient care, an area nursing home administrator said June 17.

More than 200 nursing home industry representatives lobbied and held a rally in support of tax increases at the Statehouse, reacting to threats by the state to slash Public Aid reimbursement levels they say are already too low.

The administration of Gov. James Thompson has proposed cutting basic reimbursement by about \$2.30 per day for nursing home care if the legislature does not approve tax hikes this month. The present reimbursement rate is about \$36 a day.

The reimbursement cuts would require reduced staffing and reductions in quality of food and cleanliness, said Vince Aiello, executive director of the Edwardsville Care Centers, two nursing homes in Edwardsville.

About 140 of the 220 residents at the two homes have their expenses paid by Public Aid, Aiello said. He said this is a higher ratio of private pay to Public Aid patients than most nursing homes in Madison County.

On average, he estimated the various homes depend on Public Aid for 70 to 75 percent of their revenues.

"In Madison County, the impact of these cuts would be staggering," he said.

Aiello said nursing homes were already having difficulty obtaining employees because of the low salaries and benefits they can afford to pay.

The proposed added state cuts would mean "we're not going to be able to offer anything but minimum wage," he said.

Aiello also criticized the state for delays in payments now, forcing some homes to borrow to meet their payroll. Public Aid officials said they expected the turnaround time would increase with the budget cuts.

Aiello also rapped Public Aid's Quality Incentive Program (QUIP), which gives bonus payments to nursing homes, based on a rating system.

He said most administrators felt the program was too subjective. They favored using the money instead to increase the base payments to all nursing homes, while "homes not doing a good job ought to be closed."

He also objected to the administrative cost of running the QUIP program, particularly the hiring of about 100 registered nurses to do the evaluations.

Aiello contended nursing home standards and inspections have become tougher at the same time government reimbursement has declined.

Deputy Gov. Jim Reilly addressed a rally of the nursing home administrators, urging them to lobby the General Assembly for tax hikes.



Maureen Doyle

Doyle receives nursing degree

Maureen E. Doyle graduated from Barnes Hospital School of Nursing May 16. She is a 1964 graduate of St. Paul High School, was a member of the National Honor Society, was listed in "Who's Who among American High School Students," served as president of the Spanish Club her senior year, and received the Optimist Youth Award.

She has accepted a position at Barnes Hospital and will continue her education at a local college. Doyle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Doyle of Highland, formerly of Granite City, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. James Doyle Sr., all of Granite City.

State Senate refuses to OK 65 for trucks

SPRINGFIELD — The 65 mph speed limit for big trucks on rural Interstate highways slammed into an unexpected roadblock in the Illinois Senate June 22.

A bill increasing the speed limit from 55 mph to 65 mph for big trucks, trailers and campers was stopped on a 25-21 vote in the Senate after roaring through the House on a 93-15 vote last month.

Area Sen. Sam Vadalabene, D-Edwardsville, voted for the measure. Sen. Vince Demuzio, Carlinville, Illinois Democratic Party chairman, voted against it.

Sen. Robert Kustra, R-Glenview, led opposition to the appropriately numbered House Bill 65. He said most of his constituents oppose raising the speed limit for big trucks and he warned it would increase highway deaths.

He contended most truckers already ignore the 55 mph legal limit.

Sponsor Sen. Denny Jacobs, D-Moline, argued it was safer to have all traffic flowing at the same rate of speed.

The Illinois Department of Transportation administratively raised the speed limit for autos and small trucks to 65 mph on most Interstate highways in the state after Congress changed the federal law in April.

The Transportation Department spent several thousand dollars in late April for signs along Interstates warning that trucks over four tons, motor homes, campers and vehicles pulling trailers remained subject to the 55 mph limit.

The Transportation Department took a neutral position on the bill to raise the limit for those vehicles.

Area trucking officials interviewed on the issue this spring held divided opinions. Some felt 55 was safer and should be retained for big trucks while others argued drivers of big rigs could handle them with just as much skill at 65 as at 55.

Former residents are parents of boy

Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Mary Ann) Niemeyer, Edwardsville, formerly of Granite City, are announcing the birth of their first child, a boy, on May 9 at Jewish Hospital.

The infant has been named Eric Michael Niemeyer and he weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

Grandparents are Robert and Sonya Niemeyer and Richard and Dorothy Votoupal, all of Granite City. Great-grandparents are Joseph and Mildred Votoupal and Laurel Spengel, all of Granite City. Ernesta Bursik of Cicero, Ill., and the late Joseph Bursik, Henrietta Donnelly, Joseph Niemeyer and Gertrude Vander Pluym.

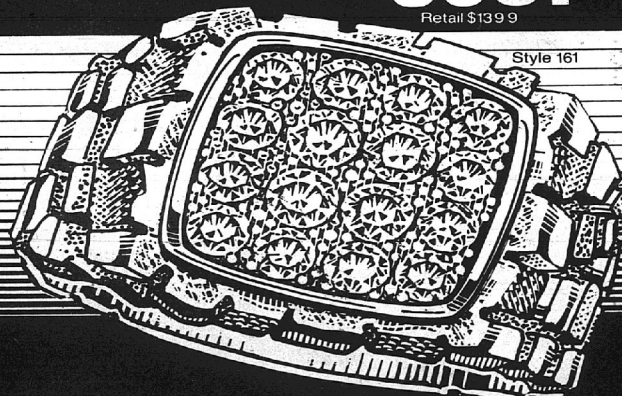
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Man sought for escape flags down patrol car

Leroy Woods, 52, of St. Louis, who left a highway patrol car in St. Louis, flagged down a Granite City patrol car at 10:45 a.m. June 30 to turn himself in to an officer stopped at a traffic light at Niedringhaus and Madison avenues.

A computer check found Woods was wanted by the Missouri Department of Corrections for escaping on June 28.

Booked on theft warrant

Timothy D. Miller, 17, of 820 Lee St., Madison, was arrested on a warrant for theft relating to a motor vehicle. He was booked at 1:25 p.m. June 30 at the Granite City police station, and bail was set at \$1,002.

Man injured, charged

Michael Alan Woodin, 21, of Kirkpatrick Homes, was charged with criminal damage to property June 30 and trespassing July 1 after he allegedly broke a front window and entered the apartment of Norma Cashey, 4707 Kirkpatrick Homes. Woodin suffered two deep cuts. Later, he allegedly returned to the same address and declined to leave.

Driver injured at 23rd

Raymond E. Huff, 60, of Edwardsville, was injured but did not require hospitalization after his northbound car, stopped in traffic, was involved in an accident with a northbound auto driven by Terri J. Wilson, 1613 Third St., Madison, at 12:40 p.m. June 30 near the intersection of Madison Avenue and 23rd Street.

Cars collide on Nameoki

Timothy J. Omara, 26, of 2025 Fifth St., East Madison, was taken by ambulance to St. Elizabeth

Medical Center after his southbound auto was involved in an accident with the southbound car of Madeline Wiley of 107 Garesche Homes, Madison, at 12:44 p.m. June 27 in the 2500 block of Nameoki Road. A passenger in the Wiley car, Nadine Wiley, was also injured but was not hospitalized.

Man jailed for sexual abuse of 14-year-old

Robert Pospischel, 20, of 1827 Collinsville Ave., Madison, was arrested for criminal sexual abuse at 10:30 a.m. June 27 at 20th and Adams streets after a brief pursuit by a patrolman.

Pospischel allegedly was found with a 14-year-old girl at a downtown motel Granite City by the girl's parents.

Pospischel pleaded guilty and was ordered to serve 30 days in the Madison County jail.

Arrested for fireworks

Earl William Zimmerman, 19, of 2802 Willow Ave., was arrested for discharging fireworks at 4 p.m. June 28 after he allegedly fired a bottle rocket at his home. He was released on a notice to appear.

Madison police

Arrested on warrant

Charles Bullion, 28, of 924 Madison Ave., was arrested at 3 p.m. June 25 on a Missouri warrant alleging sexual assault. He was held for Bridgeton police.

Violation being alleged

Robert Tarasovich, 23, of 1113 Greenwood St., was arrested June 24 at Edwardsville Road and McCambridge Avenue on a warrant charging a probation violation. He was transferred to the Madison County jail.

Madison man arrested

Ricky Brown, 37, of 1010 Reynolds St., was arrested on a contempt warrant alleging driving with a suspended license, at 5:15

Court dispositions

Probation is granted to woman in arson of auto

Marie A. Frelich of 3964 Lake St., Pontoon Beach, pleaded guilty and was sentenced June 9 on a charge of arson.

Frelich, 25, was sentenced by Madison County Circuit Judge Paul Riley to one year of probation and was ordered to pay \$95 court costs.

She was involved in an arson fire April 29 that damaged an auto owned by Teresa Gancheff, 2407 Delmar Ave.

Thief takes chairs, tent

Mark Tadlock, 2522 Benton St., reported that someone removed from his porch two chairs, two loungers, a tent, fishing gear and four air mattresses, with a total value of \$440, between June 24 and 27.

Protection order cited

Robert Edwin Gaughan, 32, of 1627 Edison Ave., was charged with violating an order of protection at 9:23 p.m. June 29 at his home, where he allegedly called his former wife and threatened her. Gaughan allegedly was on the phone when a patrolman arrived to arrest him. He was released on \$102 cash bail.

County police

Wallet and \$500 taken

David Duncan of East Alton, said someone entered his auto parked at 520 Engineer Road, Mitchell, while he was swimming and took his wallet containing \$500 and credit cards at 6:30 p.m. June 29.

Wood dropped out cycle

White Kenneth Kissel, 1929 Grand Ave., was traveling to work along Illinois 203 south of Madison at 7:50 a.m. June 24, someone dropped wood from the railroad overpass onto his motorcycle. The windshield and speedometer were damaged on his 1983 motorcycle.

Man booked on warrant

Keith King, 28, of 1007 Calhoun St., Venice, was arrested in an alley behind the 800 block of Jackson Street June 24 on a warrant charging driving without a valid driver license.

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Steel plant fence struck

Tony C. Sellers, residing in the 2100 block of Lincoln Avenue, allegedly drove into a speed limit sign, crossed the sidewalk and damaged a 7-foot section of steel fence owned by Granite City Steel in the 1800 block of Madison Avenue at 7:36 a.m. June 28. Sellers

was charged with driving while his foreign license was revoked and failing to report an accident. He was released on \$306 cash bail.

4 hurt on Illinois 3

Driver Kenneth L. Alexander, 44, of Alton, and his three passengers, Jean, 43, Christy, 9, and Erin

Alexander, 7, were injured when their car was struck from the rear by the auto of Lila M. Long of Godfrey at 8:21 p.m. June 27 on Illinois 3 at the Niedringhaus Avenue intersection.

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Marriages dissolved, with husbands listed first, were those of the following:

Lloyd R. Allen and Nancy L. (Penrod) Allen, both of Granite City; they were married May 28, 1966.

Jerry Dean Veley Sr. and Paula Kay Sullivan Veley, both of Granite City; married Nov. 28, 1962.

Kevin Wayne Jordan and Tammy Jo (Linsley) Jordan, both of Granite City; married Dec. 27, 1988.

Richard Allen Taylor and Tamara Lynn (Turner) Taylor, both of Granite City; married Dec. 7, 1984.

Carl Byron Brummund Jr. and Mary Marie (Munger) Brummund, both of Granite City; married April 3, 1982.

Floyd Pershing Clark and Anita Lou (Cloninger) Clark, both of Granite City; married May 18, 1985.

William H. Snell and Jacqueline A. (Rodeck) Snell, both of Madison; married Oct. 7, 1972.

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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY officers to serve for the 1987-88 school year were installed in ceremonies at the annual banquet hosted at Granite City High School: From left, Alice Loftus, treasurer; Rebecca Whitehead, secretary; Beth Barr, vice president; Jennifer Riden, president.

GC Honor Society initiates 71 members

The leadership banquet, honoring NHS senior members, was hosted by the junior initiates. President Julie Riden made welcoming remarks, and the invocation was given by Spalding. Andrew Yurko introduced special guests representing community organizations. These organizations made presentations to NHS to thank the organization for both its monetary contributions and its many hours of work. NHS is dedicated to service and has contributed many hours of time in both community and school service. Among the people present representing the organizations were: Jan Quarten, executive director; Don Shaffner, 1986 campaign chairman; and Nancy Sanders Miles, project volunteer, all from the Tri City United Way. Rhonda Dooley, community development specialist from Parents Plus; Ed Schroeder and Norma Lesko, both members of the Quad City Board of the American Cancer Society; and Sandy Bailey representing CURE, Children's United Research Effort of St. Louis Children's Hospital.

Special recognition was given to the family of the Marc Varady, a senior NHS member who died of cancer last fall. Money raised, through the efforts of NHS, in Marc Varady's name totaled over \$3,300.

The guest speaker of the evening, introduced by Mary Perdue-Tapp, was Allen Collins, assistant public defender of Madison County. His speech concerned how success and the qualities necessary to membership in NHS, scholarship, leadership, service, and character are closely intertwined.

Senior members presented with merit awards for service to National Honor Society were: Colleen Monaghan, Diane Schill, Michelle Jones, Kim Joyce, Michelle Zukas, Rhonda McIntosh, Debbie Burmeister, Beth Scherrills, Patricia Martin, Christine Bieniecki, Edward Melton, Dawn Kamadulski and Linda Kienle. Julie Riden was recognized for her outstanding service to NHS.

A feature of the evening was a special musical arrangement dedicated to the Varady family performed by senior members Kimberly Asbeck, Anne Marie Connolly, John-Erik Ohlsson, and Robert Orabod.

An installation ceremony was held for officers to serve the 1987-1988 school year: Jennifer Riden, president; Elizabeth Barr, vice president; Rebecca Whitehead, secretary; and Alice Loftus, treasurer. Outgoing officers were Julie Riden, president; Kim Joyce, vice president; Caryn Kubelka, secretary; and Beth Scherrills, treasurer.

The members must meet certain requirements to be eligible for the NHS and maintain a 4.25 grade point average, participate in extracurricular activities, show leadership qualities toward the school and community, plus obtain teacher recommendations. The initiates and their parents were entertained by senior National Honor Society members. Kim Joyce played a piano solo, Kim Asbeck a violin solo, Robert Orabod and Anna Marie Connolly sang a duet, Mike Major and Jake Varady performed a unique tuba duet, and Marta Ault recited an original oration.

Initiates recited the NHS pledge after Mary Perdue-Tapp, NHS advisor, made introductory remarks and gave an interpretation of the NHS emblem. The initiates were presented with their certificates by the principal, Ken Spalding, and NHS advisor, Andrew Yurko.

Spalding then welcomed the new members and spoke on the importance of maintaining the objective of the organization. A reception concluded the evening.



Doug and Bonnie Jenkins

First Assembly of God to hear recording artists

Doug and Bonnie Jenkins, international recording artists, will minister in song at First Assembly of God Church, 24th Street and Grand Avenue, on Sunday, July 5, at 10:30 a.m. Pastor C. Dale Edwards said.

The Jenkins have appeared on television and radio broadcasts and are seen frequently on Trinity Broadcasting Network. They have been guest vocalists for Billy Graham Crusades and are in demand as musicians at a number of prominent music conferences.

Both are trained musicians and hold several music degrees. He is currently a voice instructor at Central Bible College in Springfield, Mo., and she was voice instructor at Evangel College for 12 years. She was recently named Mrs. Missouri for 1987.

Their music covers a wide range of styles from classical sacred to contemporary gospel.

The Youth Choir of First Assembly of God will be on tour throughout Missouri and Illinois July 7-12. It will be presenting the musical "The Light Brigade" on Sunday, July 5, at the church at 6:30 p.m.

Ainad Corps third best in nationals

Ainad Temple's Drum and Bugle Corps captured third place at Las Vegas when the 189 shrine temples in North America gathered last week for their annual meeting.

Competing for the championship of the Shrine temples, Ainad of East St. Louis finished third behind Maskat Temple of Wichita Falls, Texas, first; and Arabic Temple of Houston, second.

In individual competition, Ainad members Carroll Sinks, Collinsville, was first on snare drums; Mike Anderson, Belleville, baritone bugle, first; Glenn Walker, Belleville, contra bass, first; and Larry Carill, Belleville, drum major, first.

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NEW OFFICERS to serve the Granite City Business and Professional Women's Organization for the forthcoming year were installed in ceremonies held at Charlie's Restaurant. From left, Kathy Dillon, treasurer, Ramona Burnett, secretary, Rosalie Stern, president, and Jeanne Hornberger and Jane Isenburg, vice presidents.

BPW addressed by Pankake

Jane Isenburg, program chairman for the June meeting of Granite City Business and Professional Women's Organization, introduced Dr. Anita Pankake as guest speaker at the June meeting held at Charlie's Restaurant.

Pankake, assistant professor at SIUE, received her B.S. degree from Indiana State University at Terre Haute, and her doctorate degree from Loyola University, Chicago.

She spoke on Marketing Yourself, which fit the organization's focus for the year is "Supporting Women in the Workplace."

She said that she places people in three categories, beginners, experienced workers and mentors. To marketing yourself, there are some things to think about and plan: objectives, how to reach them, and setting short and long range plans.

The speaker suggested balancing plans for additional responsibility against potentially giving up family experiences. Job qualifications should be clear and a resume always up to date.

Personal interviews are very important and first impressions are crucial so always be on time, and appearance should look "put together."

In conclusion she said, "Be persistent, keep knocking on doors and be sure you get some feedback. Remember sometimes you may have to take a step backward to take a step forward."

President Rosalie Stern welcomed members and guests and introduced three new members: Mary Geroff, Debbie Minks and Nadine Ryan.

Appointments announced by Stern included Gloria Druhe as cheer chairman, Daphne Smith program chairman for the August meeting and Becky Slate as chairman of the Christmas party.

Slate, the immediate past president, presented a gift to Carole Buehler on behalf of the past board of directors. Buehler served as recording secretary last year and with her family she will move to Cisne, Ill., in the near future.

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WINNERS OF THE Presidential Academic Fitness Award from Wilson Elementary School are, bottom row from left to right, Joey Arico, Sean Smothers and Mike Lipchik, and top row, William Baker, Katrina Butler, Jill Mercer and Michelle Langsdorf.

Students honored at Wilson

GRANITE CITY — Many Wilson Elementary School students were honored at two awards assemblies which were held during the last week of school.

The first assembly was conducted by the school's two physical education teachers, Sandra Bowler and Joanne Higgins. They gave awards to students at all grade levels for achievement in various areas of physical fitness.

Students who participated in the Special Olympics and Sports Day were recognized.

Fifth and sixth graders received the Presidential Physical Fitness Award.

Fifth grade students receiving the award were Jeff Ridenour, Nathan Cholewick, Beth Noe, Laura Worley, Amy Prill, Amy Webster and Kim York. Sixth graders receiving the award were Jeff McMillan, Pat Scheffer, Michelle Langsdorf, Michelle Severs, Tom Dalton, Laura Gandy, Cindy Ollis, Donnell Awalt and Michelle Sanders.

The academic awards assembly was held on the last day of school.

Ribbons were presented to students with the highest achievements or who had shown the most improvement according to their classroom teachers in the areas of reading, mathematics, spelling and penmanship. There were a total of 154 ribbons.

Special education teachers honored students in their programs for showing the most improvement, and these students also received ribbons.

Trophies were awarded to winners of the Wilson School spelling bee. They were Mary Williams, first place, Ian Leith, second place, and Chuck Brimm, third place.

Trophies were awarded to winners of the fourth grade math contest, with first place going to Alisha Shickles, Jeff Pittman placed second.

Seventeen students received ribbons for having perfect attendance for the entire school year.

Amy York, Ron Shafer, Duane Lilly, Karla Pieper, Alfred Mahan, Richard Allhouse, Philip Hopkins, Tim Parish (three years in a row), Jeff Brown, Corby Davison, Paul Pulaski, Paul Bucherich, Anthony Bazzell, Cheri Wilbur, Donald Hopkins, Kevin Peterson and Michelle Severs.

Sixth grade students who earned the Presidential Academic Fitness Award were presented at a special evening recognition assembly attended by parents. Receiving the award were Joey Arico, Katrina Butler, Mike Lipchik, Jill Mercer and Sean Smothers.

St. Elizabeth awards American Legion honors

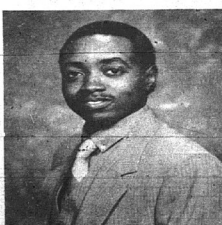
Allison Dumoulin and Robert Haack were presented the American Legion Award at the eighth graduation ceremonies of St. Elizabeth Catholic School.

Other students listed on the honor roll for four grade periods included Chrissy Triede, Gresham, Corey Kessler, Sabina Kumar, Terri Gurko, Penny Kreher, Jason Mathes, desley Neff, Lynsey Evans, Brian Goff, Julie Goclan, Sunil Kumar, Steve Lubak, Jennifer Bastel, Christi Hayden and Stephen Schaus.

Graduates were Douglas Buehner, Eric Czerniewski, Gerald Daugherty, Allison Dumoulin, Stanley Gregory, Jeanie Groboski, Robert Haack, Donna Holland, Sara Koelker, Carrie Kromray, Matthew Loftus, David Mills, Marissa Ramirez, Brian Weiborn and Lynn Yehling.



Dumoulin Haack



Lafayette Burks

Achieves scholarship

Forty-five high school seniors who will attend Southern Illinois University at Carbondale this fall have been awarded SIUC/Academic Scholarships, which cover tuition charges for fall and spring semesters.

Among the winners was Lafayette L. Burks, 415 Weaver St., Venice, the son of Sonja Burks.

Students who were chosen for the academic scholarships rank in the top 10 percent of their high school classes and earned ACT (American College Test) scores that place them in the top 10 percent among their peers nationally.

Scholarships are still available at SIUC for the 1987-88 academic year and additional winners will be announced before the fall semester.

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Education board elects Burroughs

A former president of the Collinsville Unit 10 Board of Education has been elected chairman of the State Board of Education.

Thomas L. Burroughs, 37, was selected by members of the board at their meeting June 18 in Springfield. His two-year term begins Aug. 1.

Board members also elected Dorothy J. O'Neill of Champaign as vice chairman and Michael Bruton of Chicago as secretary.

Burroughs succeeds DuQuoin resident Walter W. Naumer Jr., who has served as chairman since 1983. A member of the State Board since 1981, Burroughs is currently vice chairman of the board, vice chair of the Planning and Policy Committee, and a member of the Equal Education Opportunity (EEO) Task Force and the Joint Education Committee of the State Board and the Board of Higher Education (BHE).

Burroughs chaired the Ad Hoc Search Committee which led to the selection of Ted Sanders as state superintendent in 1984.

An attorney licensed to practice in both Illinois and Missouri, Burroughs is a member of the American, Illinois and Missouri bar associations. He received a bachelor's degree (summa cum laude) from the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.; bachelor's and master's degrees from Oxford University, Oxford, England; and a law degree (cum laude) from the Harvard University School of Law, Cambridge, Mass.

Scholarship given

Ellen Moss, 481 Hunters Hill Drive, Chesterfield, formerly of Granite City, has been awarded a music scholarship to attend Southeast Missouri State University for the 1987-88 school year.

Moss was chosen from a large number of students auditioning throughout the state. She is a 1987 graduate of Parkway Central High School, where she played the flute. She was also a member of marching band, symphonic band and all-district band.

Burroughs had high praise for Naumer's leadership over the past four years. "Walt led the board through its most significant period to date — involving both the passage of landmark reform legislation and initial steps toward its implementation."

"During the challenging search for and selection of a state superintendent who could effectively handle the complexities of the period, Walt's strong leadership was a crucial contribution which will serve Illinois well for many years," Burroughs said.

He stressed the continuity of the board's policies and state positions by again calling the public's attention to financial problems faced by schools and the need for the state to fully fund its commitments to education reform.

"We must keep pressure on the state to fulfill its responsibilities for continuing progress in education reform, guaranteeing equity for all public schools and students across Illinois, and for providing adequate funding to support educational efforts," Burroughs said.

"The need for a tax increase to support education and other

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The two-hour concert is free and begins at 7:30 p.m. in Wilson Park, 27th Street and Delmar Avenue. In case of bad weather, they will be held in the ice rink. Upcoming concerts are slated for July 22 and Aug. 12.

Annual park craft show today

GRANITE CITY — The Granite City Park District's annual summer craft show will be held today at the Wilson Park Ice Rink from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The craft show is held each year in conjunction with the July 4 celebration in Wilson Park. Fifty-six exhibitors will display their hand-crafted items. Besides those from the local area, crafters will come here from other areas of Illinois and from Missouri.

Some of the many items to be sold are: home-baked items, corn husk dolls and other natu-

als, porcelain miniatures, cabbage patch tricycles, lap quilts, personalized children's and baby items, folk dolls, Amish dolls.

Rag dolls, potpourri pots, bread and shell roses, afghans, ceramics, quilts, wheat weaving, wooden shelves and picture frames, calico items, clocks, children's tables and chairs.

Doll furniture, hand-painted collectibles, decorated enamelware, stuffed animals, pastel and oil paintings, live plants, brass chimes, quilt stands, plant stands, tote painting and wooden necklaces.

Workshop will feature study of Indian culture at Cahokia Mounds

A new storytelling workshop for adults will be from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on July 11 and 25 at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site.

Students will hear Indian legends and learn how to find storytelling resources. Tuition is \$25. Cahokia Mounds' free summer film series continues at 1 p.m. on July 12. Prehistoric Indian village life is the topic of the film.

A shell and bone-bead class will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 18 for children 9 to 16. Tuition is \$5.

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Obituaries

Alexander

Mrs. Grace L. (Jones) Alexander, 77, of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., formerly of Granite City, died Wednesday, July 1, 1987, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, Mich.

Mrs. Alexander resided most of her life in Granite City, having moved to Michigan about a year and a half ago.

She was born April 4, 1910, in Dixon, Mo., and was of the Protestant faith.

Her husband, Raymond F. Alexander, died Nov. 22, 1965.

Among the survivors are a son, Ronald Alexander of Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; three sisters, Mrs. Ethel Jones, Mrs. Thelma Dora Hall and Mrs. Hazel Woods, all of St. Louis; and one granddaughter.

Services will take place Monday at Irwin Chapel for Funerals, 3801 Madison Ave., with the Rev. Preston Sheely officiating. Friends may call 877-6500 for time. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Cemetery, Edwardsville. The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Funeral services for James F. Grider, 44

James F. Grider, 44, of Cahokia, the father of a local resident, died Monday, June 29, 1987, at Centerville Township Hospital.

Mr. Grider retired in 1982 from Cooper Terminal.

Surviving are his wife, the former Candice Onstott; four sons, Jimmy D. Grider of Granite City, David Lee, James Cullen and Michael William Grider, all at home; a daughter, Lisa Grider of Cahokia; two brothers, Robert Grider of Waterloo and Tom Grider of Louisiana; three sisters, Mrs. Winston (Virginia) Wright of Cahokia, Mrs. Richard (Vicki) Naumann of Columbia, Ill., and Mrs. Jerry (Alice) Cooper of Cahokia; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday at the Kasky Cahokia Mortuary with the Rev. Tim Mizel officiating. Interment was in Valhalla Gardens of Memory, Belleville.

Grassroots

Upcoming meetings of Quad-City Area governmental taxing bodies include:
Granite City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, City Hall, 2000 Edison Ave.
Venice City Council, 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, City Hall, Broadway and Klein Street, Venice.



WINNERS: Paul McCreery and Sis Kropiunik were on board the Suburban Journals' fireworks float at Thursday's Villedel Prophet Parade. McCreery of East Alton, and Kropiunik of Sunset Hills were winners in the Journals' first V.I.P. in the VP Parade short-essay contest. They were selected from among hundreds of readers who penned their reasons (in 25-words-or-less) for wanting to ride on a float in the VP Parade.

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Bill to increase income of recorders, schoolmen

SPRINGFIELD — Regional school superintendents would get a \$5,000 pay hike, and county recorders a \$3,500 annual bonus, under bills approved by the Senate and sent to Gov. James Thompson.

The Senate also sent to the governor a bill raising the allowed maximum pay for county commissioners.

The regional superintendents bill would affect those officials who assume new four-year terms in August, including Harry A. Briggs Jr. of Granite City. The former Niedringhaus Elementary School principal is to begin his new duties Aug. 3.

The pay levels of regional superintendents are based on population categories, and once they take office the salary cannot be changed until the end of their term.

For the Madison County superintendent-elect, Briggs, the pay would be boosted from the current \$44,000 to \$49,000.

The bill would also boost the pay of assistant regional superintendents, whose salary is based on a percentage of the superintendent's pay.

The bill, co-sponsored in the Senate by Sam Vadalabene, D-Edwardsville, had called for a \$15,000 pay hike when originally introduced in the House, but was amended down to the lower figure.

The Senate also sent to the governor a bill to give a \$3,500-a-year state stipends to county recorders of deeds. It would affect Madison County Recorder Ronald "Rink" Lucas.

County clerks, circuit clerks and county treasurers already receive the stipend.

Sponsors of the legislation contend it is justified by expanded state-mandated duties given the county officials.

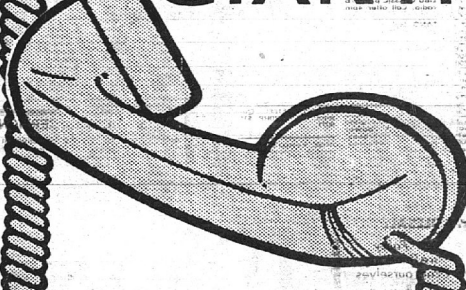
The other bill sent to the governor, and related to county officials' compensation, would permit but not require Cabot County commissioners to vote to pay themselves up to \$10,000 a year, rather than the \$6,000 ceiling currently in the law.

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Guard

Guard unhappy with dean's decision

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announcement through a press release.

"The students may not have known the exact date. But they were aware of it several months ago to my understanding," Lou Mayhall said. He said a state-approved cage was built in anticipation of getting Kyna.

Wilson said that the Cougar Guard non-Student Government were told of any decision.

Mayhall said he regrets the controversy caused by Kyna's departure.

"If I'd known we were getting into a mess like that, I'd have never accepted the cat," Mayhall said.

Mayhall said he was surprised by an angry group of more than 200 students who were on hand when he came to SUE on June 26 to get Kyna.

"I thought we were going to be mobbed. We were met aggressively," he said.

Kyna strenuously resisted attempts to be put in Mayhall's travel cage on Friday. Mayhall said he had the animal tranquilized and attributed Kyna's resistance as a reaction to the large crowd.

Mayhall said he almost left without Kyna because he feared the cat was getting so excited that it was going to harm itself or handlers.

Wilson said she thought the cougar sensed trouble.

"She didn't want to go in their cage. We never had that much trouble with her. She knew something was wrong," Wilson said.

When Wilson visited the cat at the animal park, she said Kyna

was still in the small travel cage.

The cougar seemed listless and depressed and then perked up when familiar Cougar Guard members walked to her cage, Wilson said.

"She squeaked. We know that sound. It's an indescribable sound," Wilson said. She said losing Kyna was like having a pet taken away to some students who have worked with the animal closely.

Lou Mayhall said that because the cat was tranquilized he considered it best not to disturb her by taking her from the small cage. Kyna was later placed in the larger cage.

Wilson expects the Cougar Guard, whose sole purpose was to care for Kyna, to be soon abolished as a student organization.

"There's no reason for us to exist," he said. It's doubtful any guard members would want to be associated with the new costumed student cougar mascot called Cory, Wilson said. She said the costume doesn't look like a cougar.

"We call it the 'Siu' Chipmunk.' It looks like a chipmunk. In all my life I've never seen a striped cougar," Wilson said.

The Cougar Guard and other students will "keep the heat on the administration," Wilson said. She said she still hopes the cougar mascot called Cory, Wilson said.

The administration has demolished the 30-foot, geodesic dome that housed Kyna. The dome was designed by the architect R. Buckminster Fuller.

ly 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, said board member David Partney.

The board also hired Gary Rainwater, Danny Dahmann and Bill Robbins as custodians. Rainwater said, Rainwater will start July 6, Wainwright said, and Dahmann and Robbins will begin Aug. 3.

The new custodians will serve at the high school, Ron Landman, the district's director of buildings and grounds, said Wednesday.

"Any changes or additions by the aldermen would possibly change it from the black to being in the red," Varadian said.

Bible seminar Tuesday

The building at 301 Madison Ave., Madison, will be the scene of a series of weekly Bible seminars that will start at 7 p.m. Tuesday. The seminars will be led by the Rev. John Polizzi of Troy. He is associated with Prayer Line Ministries.

Wilson

Wilson transferred to principal job

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Gowda, a teacher at Marshall; Jim Noeth, a teacher at Webster Elementary School; Richard Ault, a teacher at Wilson Elementary School; Jane Isenburt, a teacher at Granite City High School; and Lawrence Todaro, a Granite City resident who teaches in the Alton School District, Wainwright said.

The six candidates were interviewed by the board during an executive session that started about 7:15 p.m. Tuesday and ended at approximately

Budget

Department requests cut from city budget

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the city are expected to be repaired this year.

A budget presented by Street Superintendent Mac Warfield was cut by about \$350,000. The department's revised budget is about \$70,000 less than what was spent last year.

The revised city budget will be presented to aldermen at the council's July 7 meeting.

Varadian said he hopes the aldermen will make no major changes in the budget.

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Vacation brings another chance to visit wonderful Wrigley Field

Sports Comment

By Dave Whaley

Fifty-one consecutive weeks of work is enough, don't you think?

I'll be on vacation until next Monday (July 13). We in the sports department almost have to take our vacations in the summer. It's just too busy during the high school seasons to leave.

Still, I was about to enjoy a nice week off in February when I was suddenly moved up to the sports editor's desk. We were looking for another full-time sportswriter and I only had one stringer then, so it was kind of impossible to take time off then.

After hiring the new writer, I felt like I had to stick around until he learned the ropes. Carl Jacobs has been working at our office in Cahokia and has also contributed occasionally to the Granite City papers. He's just starting out in the business, but he's now at the point where I can feel confident to take a week off.

The last vacation I took was the second week of July in 1986, so this will be a welcome time off. In the meantime, anyone who needs any help or needs a story done should call Carl at our office (878-2000). He's got five papers to work on in a week's time, so he will be busy. But he will need copy to fill those papers, so anyone with story or photo ideas should contact him. He'll do his best to accommodate you.

In the meantime, I'm sure the Triplets and the Optimists will do more than just fine without me. They'll probably enjoy not having me hanging around for a change.

I might even make it down to Busch Stadium for the first time all year. With all the baseball going on here, I'm usually busy at night. And when I get a night off, I'm usually too tired to go to St. Louis. I only made it to one game last year. That's quite a change for a guy who can sit at home games one summer (1982).

The vacation could also afford me a chance to again visit one of baseball's shrines, Wrigley Field. I'll be visiting some friends in Kankakee next weekend and we might make the journey into Chicago on Saturday to see the Dodgers and Cubs.

I've been to the old field at Clark and Addison twice before. In 1982, we went up to see the Cardinals defeat the Cubs in a double-header. Ah, those were the days. You really can't believe how cold it can get off Lake Michigan in June when the wind is blowing into Wrigley. It was heavy jacket and cap weather.

The Cardinals, of course, were to be world champions that year. It seems so long ago now. Jim Kaat and Dave Lister started the two games for the Cardinals. Bruce Sutter — who had been struggling in recent outings — got saves in both games as the Cardinals won 4-1 and 2-1. It was so long ago that Lee Smith, now one of the premier short relief men in the game, started the second game for the Cubs.

I remember Ken Oberkell made a sensational catch at third base. And a ball George Hendrick hit proved how tough it can be to hit homers in Wrigley when the wind is blowing in. George hit one as hard and as far as he could — and that's hard and far — but it only hit the ivy. The game-winning RBI for the Cardinals in the second game was delivered by — you know him — Keith Hernandez.

My next visit to Wrigley wasn't as pleasant. It was in 1984 and the Cubs were starting to build the momentum that carried them to the division title. Most Cardinal fans remember the Saturday afternoon game that was on NBC. Willie McGee hit for the cycle and drove in six runs. The Cardinals led 7-1 and 9-3.

It was 9-6 in the ninth when

Ryne Sandberg homered off Sutter to tie the game. McGee came through again in the 10th as the Cardinals took an 11-9 lead. Bob Dernier barely fouled off a 3-2 pitch with two outs before drawing a walk in the bottom of the 10th before Sandberg did it again against Sutter. The Cubs won in the 11th, 12-11.

Besides the games, Wrigley Field is everything you would imagine or everything you have heard about it: Quaint, a little rickety, and a reminder of baseball as it was in the early days.

Ah, Wrigley Field. Ah, vacation.

See you in a week.

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